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Case of smallpox in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 23, 1899.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 21st instant, informing you of the occurrence of a case of smallpox in this District, I have the honor to state that a careful investigation has convinced me that the patient contracted the disease in Alexandria, Va. He is a colored minister whose duties have carried him to and fro between that city and this. The patient was removed to the smallpox hospital yesterday.

Respectfully, yours, WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer, District of Columbia.

Case of smallpox in Pensacola, Fla.

PENSACOLA, FLA., *January 15, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I discovered yesterday a case of smallpox. The victim is a negro, who came here about two weeks ago from Georgiana, Ala. I immediately notified the board of health, who took charge of the case. All precautions taken.

Respectfully, yours, J. WHITING HARGIS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Marion County, Kans.

TOPEKA, KANS., *January 18, 1899.*

SIR: The following is the condition in reference to smallpox at this date in Marion County, Kans.: At the close of the day, yesterday, we had 11 cases of smallpox in the county, 7 in Hillsboro, 3 in the immediate vicinity, and the 1 in Summit Township brought from Oklahoma, 30 miles from Hillsboro.

Respectfully, yours, H. Z. GILL,
Secretary, Kansas State Board of Health.

Smallpox in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO., *January 21, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that there have been 15 cases of smallpox, with 2 deaths, in this city since November 1, 1898. The first case occurred in the person of a commercial traveler immediately upon his return from a journey in New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas. Four cases developed from this case. The other cases have all occurred among ragpickers working in the Graham paper factory in this city. The health authorities have been unable to trace any connection between the first cases and the ragpickers, so it is supposed that the latter became infected from handling infected rags shipped to this city from some infected point.

Respectfully, yours, WM. G. STIMPSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Nebraska.

OMAHA, NEBR., *January 16, 1899.*

SIR: The smallpox situation in Nebraska is as follows: Nebraska City, cases inspected December 8 by inspector, 143; cases still in quarantine, 38; cases from July to December 8 (36 families), 153;

Otoe and Nemaha counties (country districts), 21; Plattsmouth, December 10, 1; Omaha, total cases, 14 (still quarantined, 4); total, 332. New cases in Nebraska City during past week, 4; deaths, 3 (at Nebraska City).

Respectfully submitted, B. F. CRUMMER, M. D.,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Nebraska City, Nebr.

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBR., *January 19, 1899.*

SIR: During the week ended January 14, only 1 new case in infected family was discovered. Thus far this week, 5 cases in 4 new families and 2 cases in infected families have been found. Quarantine is no longer maintained by guards. Twenty cases are at homes and 12 in hospital. Prejudice and lack of authority of State or local board keep 15 to 20 per cent from vaccination. The distribution north to Omaha and south into Kansas, as well as east to Iowa and farther occurred, no doubt, in the autumn, though not proved in all cases.

Respectfully, yours, S. R. TOWNE,
Medical Inspector.

Smallpox in Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *January 23, 1899.*

SIR: Since my last report of December 31, 1899, smallpox has been reported in Pennsylvania as follows: Charlesville, Bedford County, previously reported existing in 2 families, 15 cases, 13 recovered, 2 still sick. Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, 9 cases, no deaths. Altoona, Blair County, 1 case. Bedford, Bedford County, 1 case. Claysburg, Blair County, 1 case. Brumbaugh, Bedford County, 2 cases. No deaths so far have been reported.

Yours, very truly, BENJ'N LEE, M. D.,
Secretary State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., *January 16, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that seaman John Moore, of the schooner *J. B. VanDusen*, just from Norfolk, Va., applied for relief to-day, suffering from smallpox. The board of health of Philadelphia was notified and the patient sent to the municipal isolation hospital.

Respectfully, yours, H. W. AUSTIN,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Report on smallpox situation at Eagle Pass, Tex.

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *January 19, 1899.*

SIR: In answer to Department letter of the 14th ultimo I beg leave to state that the instructions therefrom received will be complied with, and that accompanying this letter will be my weekly report for the week ended January 14, 1899.

The vaccine tubes were received yesterday, and the Government force is being vaccinated. Rumors of the existence of smallpox in C. P. Diaz are numerous, and I am making frequent visits to that city in